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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ISRAELI TERRORISM

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN , AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, CON-
SIDERABLE PUBLICITY TO INCIDENT IN NORWAY INVOLVING
ALLEGED ISRAELI AGENTS IN ASSASSINATION OF MOROCCAN
NATIONAL. IN ADDITION TO CARRYING WIRE SERVICE REPORTS,
THERE HAS BEEN SOME EDITORIAL COMMENT. MOST SIGNIFICANT
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OF THESE FOLLOW, INCLUDING ARTICLE IN PLO DAILY BULLETIN

Wafa for July 31 which appears to be warning by Fedayeen organizations that they may undertake operations of their own in European countries to combat Israel terrorism.

2. Wafa said that European countries, which allow these terrorist operations to take place, "must know now that Palestinian resistance movement has a right to defend itself," and that it knows "where, when and how to direct their blows against the enemy". It said that during the past eight months, "serious crimes have been committed against the Palestinian people's fighters in Paris without the French police being able to apprehend those who committed the crimes." But the statement highly praised the attitude of the Norwegian authorities who refused to release two Israelis who had been arrested in connection with the murder July 21 of Ahmed Bouchiki (a Moroccan) in Oslo. The authorities even refused a request by an Israeli legal adviser to see the arrested men.

3. An editorial comment in left-wing and pro-commando daily Al Moharrer today blamed the Arab diplomacy for failing to take any positive and effective steps to express Arab appreciation of the Norwegian authorities' stand and to foil Israel's attempts to undermine the "admirable stand of the Norwegian government. The paper said if the Norwegians released the Israelis, the Arabs would have screamed their heads off. It noted the difference between the Norwegian action and the "stumbling" investigations by the French of assassinations in Paris and the Swiss decision to release immediately the Israeli guard who "killed an Arab" (presumably this refers to thwarted hijack attempt on El Al).

4. An editorial comment in independent An Nahar said the Norwegian authorities' attitude toward Israel is a fact which should be studied closely by Arab states involved in struggle with Israel. He added that Norway considered Israeli terrorist activities on its territories and assassination of a Moroccan national to be a violation of its sovereignty and dignity. The writer drew a parallel between limited official use

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THIS dignified attitude and the humiliating attitudes of some Arab states which have been intimidated by Israeli pressures.

5. COMMENT: RECENT ARBITRARY ISRAELI ASSERTION OF ITS COURT JURISDICTION OVER FEDAYEEN CAPTURED IN LEBANON, MRS. MEIR'S STATEMENT ON GOI OBLIGATION AND JUSTIFICATION STRIKE "TERRORISTS" WHEREVER THEY MIGHT BE, AND INCIDENT IN NORWAY

ARE GRIST FOR MILL OF FEDAYEEN AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. THESE
EVENTS ENABLE FEDAYEEN TO REINFORCE THEIR LONGSTANDING
ARGUMENT THAT THEY ARE JUSTIFIED IN USING TERRORISM SINCE
IT WAS ISRAELIS WHO INTRODUCED IT INTO AREA IN FIRST PLACE,
ISRAELIS HAVE NEVER STOPPED USING IT AGAINST PALESTINIANS
AND OTHER ARABS, AND LATTER MUST THEREFORE PROTECT THEM-
SELVES BY USING SIMILAR METHODS. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO
SEE IF SOME OF THESE ARGUMENTS EMERGE DURING CURRENT
UNITED NATIONS CONSIDERATION OF TERRORISM.

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